

4. TSRP DoBees and Don'tBees

Follow these tips to make your teen program more manageable and enjoyable for the teens and the library staff....

DO!

- ☺ Keep it simple
- ☺ Have lots of prizes
- ☺ Let teens participate with friends
- ☺ Advertise where teens congregate (movie theatres, bookstores, video stores, schools)
- ☺ Start out small with few expectations
- ☺ Have patience and be flexible
- ☺ Make it easy for teens to succeed
- ☺ Provide bibliographies, bookmarks, and/or table displays promoting authors and literature of interest to teens
- ☺ Ask for local teen input in planning and implementing your program
- ☺ Have fun and stay happy!

DON'T!

- ☹ Put participant's names on the library walls, or otherwise make them feel like "little kids"
- ☹ Breathe down their necks
- ☹ Make it competitive
- ☹ Expect large numbers of teens to sign up
- ☹ Judge the teen program participation against participation in your children's program
- ☹ Lose your mind!

